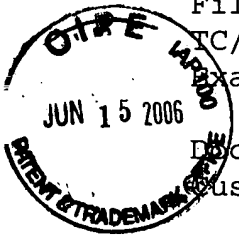


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Dear Sir:

In response to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Action dated May 17, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire June 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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